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For: **NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING PRO943**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 6, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for one month with necessary fees. Attached herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with appropriate fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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